

**AGENDA FOR THE  
PENSION REFORM COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF  
September 7, 2004  
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Meeting**

**401 B Street  
Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**MINUTES**

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SCHEDULED FOR EVERY TUESDAY AT 3:00 PM AT 401 B STREET, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

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**Item 1:        Call to Order**

**Item 2:        Roll Call**

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
April Boling	Kathleen Walsh-Rotto	Patricia Frazier
Steve Austin	Stanley Elmore	Chris Morris
Tim Considine	Judith Italiano	Mary Braunwarth
Robert Butterfield		Pam Holmberg
William Sheffler		Paul Barnett, SDCERS Staff
Dick Vortmann		

**Item 3:        Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion from Mr. Considine for approval of the minutes for the August 17, 2004 Pension Reform Committee (Committee) meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vortmann and passed unanimously.

**Item 4:        Discussion on Final Report**

The final report was discussed in conjunction with the City Council presentation.

**Item 5:        Discussion on City Council Presentation**

Ms. Boling announced that the Committee will present their entire report to the City Council on September 21 rather than over two days. The Committee reviewed the draft power point presentation for accuracy and clarity of message. They also cross checked the information with that provided in the final report to insure that both were consistent. The changes to the report and presentation will be incorporated and distributed for review. The Committee will meet September 14 for final review of both the report and presentation and vote to accept the finals.

Mr. Vortmann and Mr. Considine have previous out of town engagements on September 21 so will not be available to help present the report to the Council. The presentation duties will be discussed and assigned at the September 14 meeting.

**Item 6: New Business**

There was no new business.

**Item 7: Comments by Committee Chairperson**

The Committee will hold a press conference on September 15 to release their report and findings. Ms. Boling will provide more information on the time and location when it becomes available. She said she hopes all Committee members will be available to attend.

**Item 8: Comments by Committee Members**

Mr. Vortmann asked that next week's meeting start at 4:30. He will be traveling on business but should be able to attend the meeting if it were to start a little later. Ms. Boling said they should be able to accommodate his request.

**Item 9: Non-Agenda Public Comment**

Jim Gleason addressed the Committee with his concerns about health care and that the primary motivation behind Manager's Proposal I. He said the voters of San Diego were told by the City Manager that the major motivation was that this would remove the debt from the taxpayers and allow the earning on the retirement system to pay for a substantial portion of the health care plan. He is uncomfortable with that. He wanted to call it to the Committee's attention as something that should be researched.

Patricia Karnes was hoping that in the Committee's final report they would consider the comments made in the San Diego Union Tribune on August 31 in the editorial section. The Union Tribune requested that the Council stop paying the thirteenth check to the retirees. From what she understands the thirteenth check is the interest on the money that she put in and the court said the City can not use the interest from the money she put in. She is hoping there will be some kind of comment to clarify this.

There was some discussion on the legal obligation to pay the thirteenth check. Deputy City Attorney Chris Morris said the 13<sup>th</sup> check is a result of a court settlement and is a vested benefit therefore the City does not have the discretion to not pay it.

**Item 10:      Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.